

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-20 are subject to restriction.

In response to the Examiner's Restriction, Applicants hereby elect prosecution of Group I, claims 1-11 and 14/1 drawn to a method of crosslinking, with traverse.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for an election of species from each species of photoactivatable crosslinker of claims 2-10 with each species of the genus of claim 11, Applicants elect, as the photoactivatable crosslinker, the crosslinker shown in Figure 1 (compound 8) wherein the photoactive groups is an acid salt-substituted benzophenone, the linkers are amines, and the bridging moiety is a saturated, unsubstituted C₅ alkyl chain. Applicants further elect, as the crosslinked molecule, collagen.

These species read on claims 1-5 and 7-11.

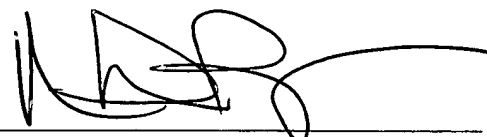
If the Examiner has any questions as to this response, the undersigned is available for a telephone conference at the number below.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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